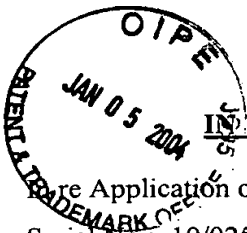


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Re Application of: Peter N. Slater, et al.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMPROVING THE EFFICIENCY OF A COMBUSTION
DEVICE

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR RESPONSE
WITHIN THREE MONTHS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for filing an Amendment and Response in the above-identified application now due October 1, 2003, be extended three months to expire January 1, 2003.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee of \$920.00 for this request to Deposit Account 16-1575.

This request is made in good faith and not for purposes of delay.

Respectfully submitted,

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